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RECOVERY OF DUES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cellular operators in the country owe a huge amount of licence fee and tariff plan migration fee to the Government and BSNL;

(b) if so, the details of amount outstanding against each company till date; and

(c) the efforts made/being made to recover the outstanding dues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The Cellular Operators owe about Rs.7.04 Crores of License Fee to the Government, as per following details-

S. No.	Name of Operator	Amount (in Rs. Crore)
1	M/s BPL Mobile Communications Ltd.	0.40
2	M/s Hutchison Essar Telecom Ltd.	4.10
3	M/s Hutchison Essar South Ltd.	0.32
4	M/s Fascel Ltd.	2.22
	Total	7.04

The above excludes a sum of over Rs. 450 crores in respect of four terminated licenses of M/s Koshika Telcom Ltd., in respect of which the award of the Arbitrator is awaited.

As regards tariff plan migration fee, no such amounts are payable by the Cellular Operators to the Government. Under the existing arrangement, BSNL do not receive any license fee or tariff plan migration fee either.

(c) The matter is being actively pursued with the four existing operators to recover the outstanding dues.